

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 552

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Erika Michelle Finley,
2009 Valedictorian of Marshall County High
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Erika Michelle Finley is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2009 graduating class at Marshall County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, she has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Erika has earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in a number of scholastic and civic organizations, including Beta Club, Future Business Leaders of America, Yearbook Staff, Youth Alive, National Society of High Scholars, Sub-Deb, and Junior Leadership Marshall; and

WHEREAS, Erika displayed her athletic prowess while participating on the softball team; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Erika was honored as a Girls' State delegate, Rotary Student of the Month, named in *Who's Who Among High School Students*, and was voted as Most Intellectual by her senior classmates; she also earned the HOPE scholarship, the University of Tennessee Volunteer Scholarship, the University of Tennessee Pledge Scholarship, and a Pell grant; and

WHEREAS, Erika's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Finley's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Erika's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2009 Marshall County High School Valedictorian, Erika Michelle Finley, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.